Gas Pipleling Project by Gail in Karnataka

3172. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited has prepared a proposal to supply 2.5 million tonnes of gas from Kochi to Mangalore as well as Bangalore *via* Thrissur through pipelines;

(b) if so, whether Karnataka Government has agreed to provide all assistance to Gas Authority of India Limited;

(c) the action, if any taken towards land acquisition for the proposed project in Karnataka; and

(d) by when the above project will get through?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) GAIL has conceptualized to lay a pipeline network in Karnataka for distribution of 10 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of regassified LNG from the proposed LNG terminal of Petronet LNG Limited at Kochi and is in the process of preparation of the detailed feasibility report for the project and obtaining necessary clearances of right of use in land for laying the pipelines. Government of Karnataka has agreed to provide all assistance in this regard to GAIL.

Non-Clearance of Pipeline for Bina Refinery

3173. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government is inordinately delaying the clearance for the crude pipeline for the Bina Refinery being set up by BPCL;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to sort out the points of difference at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH